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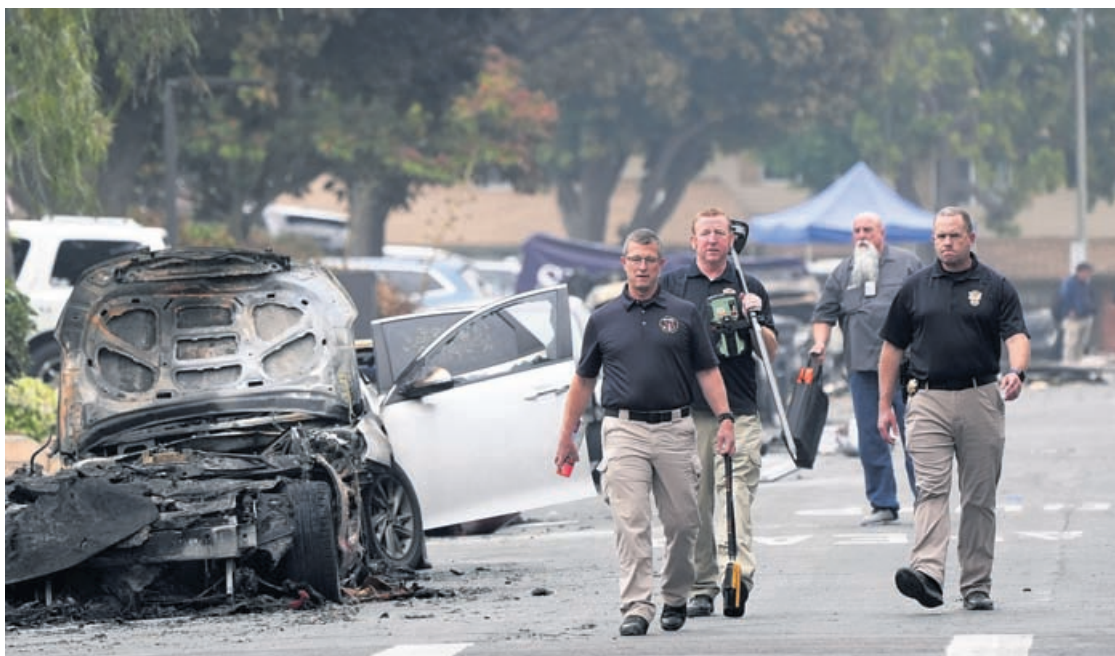
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Runway lights weren't working as pilot tried to land at foggy San Diego airport before fatal crash

By JULIE WATSON and JOSH FUNK Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The runway lights were out, a weather alert system wasn't working and there was heavy fog at a San Diego airport when a pilot who had flown across the country made the decision to proceed with landing but came up short and crashed into a neighborhood, likely killing all six aboard the aircraft, investigators said Friday. Investigator Dan Baker of the National Transportation Safety Board said officials will work over the next year to determine what caused the Cessna 550 Citation to crash just before 4 a.m. Thursday. The jet was carrying a music executive



Investigators work at the site of a plane crash Friday, May 23, 2025, in San Diego.

Associated Press.

and five others. No one in the neighborhood of U.S. Navy housing died, but eight people were treated

for smoke inhalation from the fiery crash and non-life-threatening injuries.

The pilot acknowledged the weather conditions for landing at the small airport were not ideal and debated diverting to a different airport while discussing the visibility with an air traffic controller at a regional Federal Aviation Administration control tower, according to audio of the conversation posted by LiveATC.net. The FAA had posted an official notice for pilots that the lights were out of service, but it's not known whether the pilot had checked it. He didn't discuss the lights being out with air traffic control, but was aware that the airport's weather alert system was inoperable. Ultimately, the pilot is heard saying that he'll stick with the plan to land at Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport.

"Doesn't sound great but we'll give it a go," he told the air traffic controller. The plane crashed about 2 miles (3.22 kilometers) from the airport. Baker said a power surge knocked out the weather system at the airport but the pilot was aware of the fog and an air traffic controller gave him weather information from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, about 4 miles (6.44 kilometers) north.

Music talent agent Dave Shapiro, and two employ-

ees of the music agency he co-founded, Sound Talent Group, were among the dead along with the former drummer for metal band The Devil Wears Prada. Shapiro, 42, had a pilot's license and was listed as the owner of the plane. The two employees who died were Kendall Fortner, 24, and Emma Huke, 25, both Southern California natives and booking associates for the agency. The crash added to a long list of aviation disasters this year while federal officials have tried to reassure travelers that flying is the safest mode of transportation, which statistics support.

Shapiro's aircraft took off from Teterboro, New Jersey, near Manhattan, at about 11:15 p.m. local time Wednesday and made a fuel stop in Wichita, Kansas, before continuing on to San Diego. He was returning to San Diego after a band he manages, Pierce The Veil, played for a sold-out audience at Madison Square Garden.

That overnight schedule wouldn't be allowed for an airliner under federal crew rest rules, but those regulations don't apply to private planes.

Assistant San Diego Fire Department Chief Dan Eddy said the fog was so thick in the morning that "you could barely see in front of you." Former NTSB and FAA crash investigator Jeff Guzzetti said he thinks dense fog and fatigue after the pilot flew all night long were likely factors in the crash.

"This accident has all the earmarks of a classic attempt to approach an airport in really bad weather and poor visibility," Guzzetti said. "And there were other airports that the crew could have gone to."

He said pilots are required to check FAA posts called Notices to Airmen that alert pilots to any issues such as runway lights being out.

"It's fairly easy for the pilot to get that information and they are required to get that information before any flight they take," Guzzetti said. □

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Some of Trump's loyalty-first picks for prosecutors draw opposition from senators who can block them

By MICHELLE L. PRICE and SEUNG MIN KIM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's early selections for U.S. attorneys have drawn strong pushback from Democratic senators who have considerable power to block them, setting up another fight over personnel picks from a president who places a premium on loyalty as he staffs his administration.

His choices for the top prosecutors in Nevada, New York and New Jersey are opposed by Democratic senators, and at stake is the Republican president's ability to have the team he wants for positions with enormous sway over which cases and crimes are investigated and what penalties the government seeks.

The power they wield was underscored this past week when the interim U.S. attorney in New Jersey, Alina Habba, announced she was charging Rep. LaMonica McIver, D-N.J., with assault after a skirmish with federal officers outside an immigration detention center in Newark. McIver has denied any wrongdoing and said the charge was "purely political."

In the Senate, which must approve a president's nominees for U.S. attorney, at least two Democrats are prepared to invoke a decades-old custom that affords home-state senators veto power over whether a would-be federal prosecutor can be confirmed.

That battle comes as Ed Martin, Trump's first choice to be the top prosecutor in the nation's capital, withdrew from consideration after both Republicans and Democrats indicated they would not support the conservative activist, who has a modest legal background and expressed support for Jan. 6 rioters. The president replaced Martin with Fox News Channel host Jeanine Pirro, a former county prosecutor and elected judge in New York who has been a longtime Trump defender on television.

"Martin was the extreme example," said Illinois Sen.



Interim US Attorney for New Jersey Alina Habba, left, arrives to the courthouse in Newark, N.J., Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Dick Durbin, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "I think our antenna are flying high as we look at each one of these nominees."

Trump's selections for these jobs have received added scrutiny as the president has tried to assert greater control over the Justice Department and pursue a campaign of retribution. Trump picks pique Democrats' concerns

In Nevada, Trump has installed a right-wing lawyer, Sigal Chattah, as the interim U.S. attorney, drawing opposition from the state's Democratic senators, Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen. Rosen has pledged to use her senatorial prerogative to unilaterally block Chattah if the administration seeks to keep Chattah beyond a 120-day interim period.

In New Jersey, Democratic Sen. Cory Booker, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said he would not support Habba as the permanent U.S. attorney. She is a former Trump White House counselor and personal attorney.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York has pledged to block Trump's picks for two key prosecutor's offices in his state. Schumer did not cite concerns about the nominees but rather what he said

were the president's intentions to use "the Justice Department, the U.S. Attorney offices and law enforcement as weapons to go after his perceived enemies."

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said Trump "was proud to appoint Alina Habba to serve in this role, and he believes she is doing a great job cleaning up New Jersey and enforcing law and order."

The White House, in a statement, also criticized Schumer. It did not respond to questions about the Nevada prosecutor.

"Senator Schumer and his anti-law-and-order party are prioritizing politics over critical DOJ appointments, obstructing President Trump's Make America Safe Again agenda," White House spokesperson Harrison Fields said.

In response, Schumer said: "The Justice Department should spend more time prosecuting criminals instead of going after their perceived political enemies."

Democrats consider using their 'blue slip' power to block nominees

Opposition from Democratic senators usually would not matter for Trump nominees as long as most Republicans, who control the majority, are united in support. But a long-standing Senate custom, called the blue slip, allows

senators to block the nominations of U.S. District Court judges, federal prosecutors and U.S. marshals from the lawmakers' home states. Republicans could decide to abandon that custom. But the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, has repeatedly indicated that he would honor blue slip objections from home-state senators over those prosecutors and judges.

"I think it gives senators a hand in choosing nominees for their state and making sure that the nominees reflect their state," said Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., a committee member. "I mean, I certainly used the blue slip" when Democrat Joe Biden was president.

But Hawley also emphasized of the blue slip: "I would hope it wouldn't be abused."

Democrats are alarmed at what they see as overt politicization by Justice Department prosecutors in the second Trump term. They point to Martin's interim tenure in Washington, when he demoted several senior officials who handled or oversaw cases involving the Capitol riot on Jan. 6, 2021.

Democrats were also concerned by the resignations of attorneys in the Southern District of New York, which had been handling a corruption case against New York City

Mayor Eric Adams before it was dismissed in April.

Schumer in April announced he would withhold blue slips for two New York City-area U.S. attorneys.

In Nevada, Rosen and Cortez Masto have denounced the appointment of Chattah, who describes herself on X as a "#firebrand" and "Proud American Nationalist." The senators cited among their concerns Chattah's past comments that the state's Black attorney general should "should be hanging from a (expletive) crane." Chattah also drew backlash last year for a post on X about former New York Rep. Jamaal Bowman, who is Black, calling him an "anti-Semitic ghetto rat."

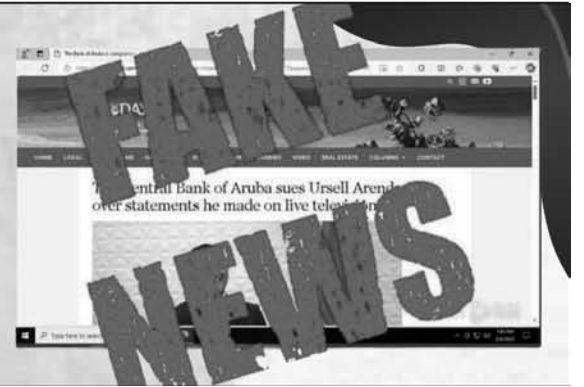
In a brief phone call, Chattah told The Associated Press that she thought she would "probably" be nominated to the position permanently. "We're playing it by ear," she said, without elaborating. She did not comment on the senators' objections. Booker said he has had conversations with the White House counsel's office about the U.S. attorney post in his state. He declined to say whether he would exercise his blue slip privileges for Habba if she were nominated, but told the AP, "I do not support her being permanent." Habba did not respond to a message seeking comment. Habba, who became known for her frequent cable news appearances defending Trump in his legal battles and her appearances at his campaign events, had limited court experience before joining his legal team. During Trump's 2024 defamation trial in New York, she was repeatedly scolded by the judge for misstating the law and for running afoul of legal procedures.

In her interim role, Habba announced last month that she has launched an investigation into New Jersey's Democratic governor, Phil Murphy, and attorney general, Matt Platkin, over the state's directive that local law enforcement should not cooperate with federal agents conducting immigration enforcement. □

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ASEAN must deepen integration to tackle US tariffs, Malaysia says

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

(AP) — Southeast Asian nations must accelerate regional economic integration, diversify their markets and stay united to tackle the fallout from global trade disruptions resulting from sweeping U.S. tariffs, Malaysia's foreign minister said Sunday.

Mohamad Hasan, at a meeting of foreign ministers from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, also reiterated the bloc's call for an end to Myanmar's civil war and downplayed plans of Myanmar's ruling military to hold elections later this year as a "whitewash."

"ASEAN nations are among those most heavily affected by the U.S.-imposed tariffs. The U.S.-China trade war is dramatically disrupting production and trade patterns worldwide. A global economic slowdown is likely to happen," Mohamad said. "We must seize this moment to deepen regional economic integration, so that we can better shield our region from external shocks."

ASEAN countries, many of which rely on exports to the U.S., are reeling from tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump's administration ranging from 10% to 49%. Six of the bloc's 10 members are among the worst-hit, likely affecting ASEAN's targeted growth forecast of 4.7% this year, trade officials said.

When Trump last month announced a 90-day pause on the tariffs, countries including Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam swiftly began trade negotiations with Washington.

Mohamad said that Malaysia, ASEAN's current chair, has requested a special summit with the U.S. as a



Malaysia's Foreign Minister Mohamad Hasan delivers an opening speech at the opening ceremony of the 46th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sunday, May 25, 2025.

bloc to discuss tariffs and is hopeful it could happen later this year. He said ASEAN is also exploring making Ukraine its dialogue partner while accelerating the process of admitting East Timor as its 11th member.

ASEAN leaders meet Monday in an annual summit that will be followed by a joint meeting Tuesday with Chinese Premier Li Qiang and leaders from the Gulf Cooperation Council comprising Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia

and the United Arab Emirates.

ASEAN's unity is crucial as the region grapples with climate change and disruption from the malevolent use of artificial intelligence and other unregulated technologies, Mohamad

said, adding that the bloc will be tested by external pressure, including a super-power rivalry.

Mohamad said the conflict in Myanmar, where the military seized power in 2021, had spilled over its borders with a growing number of refugees fleeing to neighboring nations and rising transborder and cybercrimes, making it now "an ASEAN issue." He said ASEAN does not prefer any foreign intervention as the bloc should resolve its own internal affairs.

Myanmar's military leaders are barred from ASEAN meetings after refusing to comply with the bloc's peace plan, which includes negotiations and delivery of humanitarian aid.

Mohamad said the March earthquake that left more than 3,700 dead had opened up opportunity for ASEAN to reach out to warring parties with the aim of creating a dialogue toward peace.

Mohamad said the bloc plans to appoint a permanent envoy to Myanmar with a three-year term to bolster the process, and that he would visit Myanmar in June. Currently an envoy is appointed each year from the country holding the bloc's rotating chair. Mohamad said that violence must cease before any elections in Myanmar, which he said would be futile if there was just partial participation. Opposition parties are mostly either banned from contesting or are boycotting elections. It is also unclear how the polls can be carried out as the military has reportedly lost control of a large part of Myanmar.

"What is the point if it's just a whitewash to cover up in the eyes of the international community?" Mohamad said. □



ASEAN Foreign Ministers line up for a photo call at the start of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers' Meeting opening ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sunday, May 25, 2025.

Associated Press.

Russia and Ukraine swap hundreds more prisoners as another attack on Kyiv leaves 3 dead

By ILLIA NOVIKOV and ALEX BABENKO Associated Press
KYIV, Ukraine (AP) —

Russia and Ukraine exchanged hundreds more prisoners Saturday as part of a major swap that amounted to a rare moment of cooperation in otherwise failed efforts to reach a ceasefire.

The exchange came hours after Kyiv came under a large-scale Russian drone and missile attack and authorities said another combined aerial attack that started Saturday night and stretched into Sunday morning had left three people dead in the "Kyiv region," according to Mykola Kalashnyk, head of the Kyiv regional military administration.

Mayor Vitali Klitschko said "there are already 10 injured" is Kyiv as of 3 a.m. Sunday, adding that a student dormitory in Holosiivskyi district was hit a drone and the exterior of one of its walls was on fire. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Russia's defense ministry said each side brought home 307 more soldiers on Saturday, a day after each released a total of 390 combatants and civilians. Further releases expected over the weekend are set to make the swap the largest in more than three years of war.

"We expect more to come tomorrow," Zelenskyy said on his official Telegram channel. Russia's defense ministry also said it expected the exchange to be continued, though it did not give details. Hours earlier, explosions and anti-aircraft fire were heard throughout Kyiv as many sought shelter in subway stations as Russian drones and missiles targeted the Ukrainian capital overnight.

In talks held in Istanbul earlier this month — the first time the two sides met face to face for peace talks since Russia's 2022 full-scale invasion — Kyiv and Moscow agreed to swap 1,000 prisoners of war and civilian detainees each. Air raid alert in Kyiv

The debris of intercepted missiles and drones fell in at least six Kyiv city districts. According to the acting head of the city's military administration, Tymur Tkachenko, six people



In this photo taken from video released by Russian Defense Ministry Press Service on Saturday, May 24, 2025, Russian servicemen react in a bus upon arrival to Chkalovsky airport, outside Moscow, Russia, after returning from captivity by a POWs exchange between Russia and Ukraine.

Associated Press.

required medical care after the attack and two fires were sparked in Kyiv's Solomianskyi district.

The Obolon district, where a residential building was heavily damaged in the attack, was the hardest hit with at least five wounded in the area, the administration said. Yuri Bondarchuk, a local resident, said the air raid siren "started as usual, then the drones started to fly around as they constantly do." Moments later, he heard a boom and saw shattered glass fly through the air.

"The balcony is totally wiped out, as well as the windows and the doors," he said as he stood in the dark, smoking a cigarette to calm his nerves while firefighters worked to extinguish the flames. The air raid alert in Kyiv lasted more than seven hours, warning of incoming missiles and drones.

Kyiv's mayor, Vitali Klitschko, warned residents ahead of the attack that more than 20 Russian strike drones were heading toward the city. As the attack continued, he

said drone debris fell on a shopping mall and a residential building in Obolon. Emergency services were headed to the site, Klitschko said.

Separately, 13 civilians were killed on Friday and overnight into Saturday in Russian attacks in Ukraine's south, east and north, regional authorities said.

Three people died after a Russian ballistic missile targeted port infrastructure in Odesa on the Black Sea, local Gov. Oleh Kiper reported. Russia later said the strike Friday targeted a cargo ship carrying military equipment. Russia's defense ministry on Saturday claimed its forces overnight struck various military targets across Ukraine, including missile and drone-producing plants, a reconnaissance center and a launching site for anti-aircraft missiles.

A complex deal

The prisoner swap on Friday was the first phase of a complicated deal involving the exchange of 1,000 prisoners from each side.

It took place at the border

with Belarus, in northern Ukraine, according to a Ukrainian official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

The released Russians were taken to Belarus for medical treatment, the Russian Defense Ministry said.

POWs arrived at the medical facility in the Chernihiv region for a second day on Saturday. But for many their arrival was bittersweet.

Those who were not reunited with their loved ones took solace in the released POWs providing some information about when their relatives were last seen.

Anna Marchenko, the daughter of a missing Ukrainian serviceman, was elated when a released POW said they had seen her father.

"This is such a big news. It's like a fresh breath of air," she said. "I didn't see him, but at least it's some news. At least it's news that gives us the opportunity to continue to breathe and live in peace." However, the exchange — the latest of dozens of swaps

since the war began and the biggest involving Ukrainian civilians so far — did not herald a halt in the fighting. Battles continued along the roughly 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line, where tens of thousands of soldiers have been killed, and neither country has relented in its deep strikes.

After the May 16 Istanbul meeting, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan called the prisoner swap a "confidence-building measure" and said the parties had agreed in principle to meet again.

But Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday that there has been no agreement yet on the venue for the next round of talks as diplomatic maneuvering continued.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Moscow would give Ukraine a draft document outlining its conditions for a "sustainable, long-term, comprehensive" peace agreement, once the ongoing prisoner exchange had finished.

Far apart on key conditions European leaders have accused Russian President Vladimir Putin of dragging his feet in peace efforts while he tries to press his larger army's battlefield initiative and capture more Ukrainian land.

The Istanbul meeting revealed that both sides remained far apart on key conditions for ending the fighting. One such condition for Ukraine, backed by its Western allies, is a temporary ceasefire as a first step toward a peaceful settlement. Russia's Defense Ministry said that overnight and early on Saturday its forces shot down over 100 Ukrainian drones over six provinces in western and southern Russia.

The drone strikes injured three people in the Tula region south of Moscow, local Gov. Dmitriy Milyaev said, and sparked a fire at an industrial site there.

Andriy Kovalenko, of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council, said Saturday the drones hit a plant in Tula that makes chemicals used in explosives and rocket fuel. □

North Korea detains 3 shipyard officials over the failed launch of a naval destroyer

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea authorities have detained three shipyard officials over the recent failed launch of a naval destroyer, an incident that leader Kim Jong Un said was caused by criminal negligence, state media said Sunday.

The 5,000-ton-class destroyer was damaged Wednesday when a transport cradle on the ship's stern detached early during a launch ceremony attended by Kim at the northeastern port of Chongjin.

Satellite imagery on the site showed the vessel lying on its side and draped in blue covers, with parts of the ship submerged.

The vessel is North Korea's second known destroyer. The failed launch was subsequently an embarrassment to Kim, who is eager to build greater naval forces to deal with what he calls U.S.-led military threats.



This satellite image from Planet Labs PBC shows a blue tarp covering a North Korean destroyer after it suffered a failed launch while it was being put to sea in Chongjin, North Korea, Friday, May 23, 2025.

North Korea launched its first destroyer, also a 5,000-ton-class ship, with massive fanfare last month. The ship is North Korea's largest and most advanced warship

and state media reported it is designed to carry various weapons including nuclear missiles.

Law enforcement authorities detained the chief engineer,

head of the hull construction workshop and deputy manager for administrative affairs at Chongjin Shipyard, who they said were responsible for Wednesday's failed

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launch, the official Korean Central News Agency said. Hong Kil Ho, the shipyard manager, also was summoned for questioning, KCNA previously reported. Kim blamed military officials, scientists and shipyard operators for what he called a "criminal act caused by absolute carelessness, irresponsibility and unscientific empiricism."

In an instruction to investigators Thursday, North Korea's powerful Central Military Commission echoed Kim's position, saying those responsible "can never evade their responsibility for the crime." North Korea denied the warship suffered major damage, saying the hull on the starboard side was scratched and some seawater flowed into the stern section.

North Korea said Friday it needed about 10 days to make repairs, but many outside observers said the country likely understated the damage. □

Venezuelans vote for lawmakers and governors as opposition calls for election boycott



A man holds a banner of Juan Requesens, a candidate for governor of Miranda state in the upcoming regional elections, in Los Teques, Miranda, Venezuela, Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Associated Press.

By **REGINA GARCIA CANO**

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) —

Voters in Venezuela are choosing lawmakers, governors and other officials Sunday in polling being held against a backdrop of heightened government repression and opposition calls to boycott the election.

The election is the first to

allow broad voter participation since last year's presidential contest, which President Nicolás Maduro claimed to have won despite credible evidence to the contrary.

It is taking place two days after the government detained dozens of people, including a prominent opposition leader, and linked them to an alleged plot to hinder

the vote. In the first hours after polls opened, members of the military outnumbered voters in some voting centers in the capital, Caracas. No lines formed outside the centers, including the country's largest — a stark contrast with the hundreds of people gathered around the same time for the July 28 presidential election.

"I'm not going to vote," said truck driver Carlos León, 41, standing near a desolate polling station in Caracas. "I don't believe in the (electoral authority). I don't think they'll respect the vote. Nobody forgets what happened in the presidential elections. It's sad, but it's true."

Voter participation, in the eyes of the opposition, legitimizes Maduro's claim to power and his government's repressive apparatus, which after the July presidential election detained more than 2,000 people including protesters, poll workers, po-

litical activists and minors, to quash dissent. Meanwhile, the ruling party is already touting overwhelming victory across the country, just as it has done in previous regional elections regardless of opposition participation. A nationwide poll conducted between April 29 and May 4 by the Venezuela-based research firm Delphos showed that only 15.9% of voters expressed a high probability of voting Sunday.

Of those, 74.2% said they would vote for the candidates of the ruling United Socialist Party of Venezuela and its allies, while 13.8% said they would vote for contenders associated with two opposition leaders who are not boycotting the elections.

"I think it's absolutely despicable," opposition operative Humberto Villalobos said Saturday referring to the election participation of some opposition members.

"We're facing the most brutal repression in recent years in the country. (The vote) is a comedy, a parody."

Villalobos was elections division chief for opposition leader Maria Corina Machado when he and five other government opponents sought refuge in March 2024 at a diplomatic compound in Venezuela's capital to avoid arrest. He spent more than a year there and on Saturday, along with four of the others, spoke publicly for the first time since they left the compound and arrived in the United States earlier this month.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who met with the group Friday, has described their departure from the compound as an international rescue operation. That assertion has been challenged by Venezuelan Interior Minister Diosdado Cabello, who has said it was the result of a negotiation with the government. □



Surf's Up: Favorite places to catch waves in Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Whether you are a salt-seasoned surfer looking for a thrill, or just looking to wet your toes in a little ocean adventure, Aruba has amazing places to learn and practice surfing! Although more known for the calmer waters of Palm Beach, Eagle Beach and Mangel Halto, Aruba also has some special places to thrill your senses.

Because of strong winds and breezes, Aruba is perfect for wind and kite surfing. You will surely notice kites in the air as you drive around the wilder, rougher areas on Aruba's east side.

There are plenty of surf shop rentals to help you with your gear, and there are also a lot of tutors if you're looking to try for the first time and need a little help. These can be found around the island, and will surely come in hand if you're wanting to try a new experience!

With that said, here are Aruba's favorite surf spots!

Andicuri

Andicuri is recognized as the best place for body boarding. Because

of the rough waves, this beach is better suited for those with more experience in surfing. However, the beach with two bluffs – one on each side – is worth a visit, if only to watch the exciting show presented by the surfers.

To go to Andicuri, you will need a 4x4 vehicle and drive from the ex-Natural Bridge Center. Alternatively, you can make it an adventure by going on a hike! The scenery is unique and beautiful on its own.

Reaching Andicuri Beach can be an adventure in itself, as it can be difficult to find and is only accessible by 4x4 vehicle or walking from the ex-Natural Bridge center, but the impressive scenery makes it all worthwhile!

Arashi

Arashi, a beach located close to the California Lighthouse, is a good spot for learning and having fun – if you're lucky! The waves at Arashi are usually calm, but with just the right weather, a swell forms attracting all the local surfers to the area.



Boca Grandi

Boca Grandi is at the most southern spot in Aruba, and is a popular spot with experienced surfers. Close to the famous Red Anchor and our beloved Sunrise City – San Nicolas, a trip to Boca Grandi can easily turn into an all-day trip to this area of the island. With a beautiful beach (although it is not allowed to swim here, because of strong currents), you can enjoy a relaxing time combing the beach for driftwood, coral, and little crabs and snails.

Hadicurari

Known locally as Fisherman's Hut, here is where you will find most of the action for surfers in Aruba. With a variety of surf shops and schools in this area, you will find it easy to get in on the action. Hadicurari is also the site of the Aruba Hi Winds World Challenge, which takes place usually in June/July, and it is the largest windsurfing competition in the Caribbean!

Malmok

If you're a beginner, this is your spot. There are also various shops to rent gear and receive lessons, facilitating learning and just trying out a new experience. The beach is also popular for paddleboarding and other watersport activities. □



A brief history of the California Light House

(Oranjestad)—At the furthest western point of the island, there lies the tallest structure on the island: The California Light House. Standing on top of a limestone cliff, this lighthouse oversees the entire island, offering one of few best views of the island and the surrounding sea. It is also one of the few monuments that hold a rich history.

The lighthouse was constructed in between 1914-1916, and its first keeper was a young trained lighthouse keeper from Curacao names Jacob Jacobs. Mr. Frederico Fingal was the last man to have occupied this position until 1962. Though his son, Mr. Romulo Fingal did not continue in his father's footsteps, he does have a special connection to the lighthouse. He sat down with our reporter and shared a bit of its history.

As Mr. Fingal explains, "In 1915, cargo donkeys were hired from Figaroa di Noord to help build the Lighthouse at Westpunt. The donkeys had to walk along the beach all the way to Westpunt carrying the cargo, poles, cement, and all these things. At that time, it was a difficult task until Aruba got its first truck. These things reflect how people could have accomplished this tremendous job with so little." Mr. Fingal said, "At that time, it wasn't a place for people to work. It was very challenging because it was full of goats and donkeys, and it was very isolated. There were no hotels or roads to get there. There was only a donkey trail. Those were the only means of transportation."

Mr. Fingal continues, "In 1939, I was born in the lighthouse, and my father was the last lighthouse keeper until he retired in 1962. After that,



they removed the power cables all the way to the top. According to the story, we couldn't have the light ourselves because they dismantled it, and after many years, I heard that it is in a train museum in San Nicolas, where we found this very special lens that, when the light shines through it, it reaches 30 kilometers out to sea." Mr. Fingal told our reporter.

The lighthouse has a long and very interesting history. The reason why the lighthouse was built, according to Mr. Fingal, dates back to the day when the cargo ship S.S. California sank because of the lack of light. In 1913, Aruba made a request to Curacao to build a Lighthouse at Westpunt, and the governor of Curacao responded to Aruba to come back in 1915 with a well-detailed plan. "During the First World War from 1914 to 1918, they had to wait for the light to be transported to Aruba because it was manufactured in France. At that time, there was no electricity, and the light was very interesting because it rotated with a kerosene lamp that planes used; clean kerosene," Mr. Fingal said.

Mr. Fingal discovered something very interesting about the lighthouse after



much research was documented in his book 'History of the Lighthouse at Westpunt.' He found many details: "I found out that the height of the lighthouse was due to the absence of electricity. There was also the presence of coral. There is a long steel cable from where the light is, and under the light, at the highest point, there is a hanging weight, a sort of pendulum that swings like that, with a weight that measures about 1 meter by 30 centimeters wide, which is a block of solid iron attached to a cable. When you release it upwards, it comes down, and the weight that comes down pulls it up, gradually. And while it comes down, the same weight that is descending causes many small wheels to turn in the opposite direction. The Lighthouse rotates from 6 pm in the evening, when the sun sets, until 6 am in the morning. During the entire night, the light shines on the lantern, it goes down 24 meters, and the Lighthouse is 30 meters high. It is designed not to

collapse," Mr. Fingal explains.

Mr. Fingal further explains that in one night, the lighthouse rotates 4,320 times and consumes one gallon of kerosene for the whole operation. "At that time, the kerosene was supplied from the Lago refinery. Every day it was brought down, and to start the light again, they had to lift the weight up, so our job as children was to crank it and raise the weight back up in the evening when the light stuck, they would take it down again, and the light stayed down. That's how it worked for a very long time," Mr. Fingal explains.

Thanks to the Monument Fund Aruba, which worked hard and is currently in charge of the Lighthouse, Mr. Fingal is very happy with its preservation, along with all the renovations that have taken place. He hopes that the story of the lighthouse will continue to live on for future generations. □





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Memorial Day Ceremony at Costa Linda Beach Resort: Honoring Our Heroes



Palm Beach – Today, May 26, the Costa Linda Beach Resort will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on the beach directly in front of the resort. Beginning promptly at 10:00 am, the brief yet meaningful event will honor the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and made the ultimate sacrifice.

Costa Linda, in collaboration with its dedicated community of owners and guests, has upheld this touching tradition for years. Each Memorial Day, the resort transforms its beautiful beachfront into a place of solemn remembrance, reflecting the deep gratitude felt by many American visitors and residents on the island.

This 10-minute ceremony will include a moment of silence, the raising of the American flag, and a brief address by a local veteran or community member. The peaceful backdrop of the Caribbean Sea provides a poignant setting for reflection and remembrance, making the event both serene and powerful.

"This is a very special moment for us each year," said one of the resort's long-time owners. "Even while we're enjoying the beauty of Aruba, it's important to stop and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom. The ceremony may be short, but it is filled with meaning."

The ceremony is open to the public, and everyone on the island is warmly invited to attend.

Whether you are a veteran, a family member of someone who served, or simply someone who wishes to show support and gratitude, your presence will add to the spirit of unity and remembrance.

Guests are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early, as the program will begin at exactly 10:00 am. Local residents, visitors from around the world, and Costa Linda staff will join together in this shared moment of tribute.

While the full details of the event are available on the official flyer distributed around the resort and neighboring areas, organizers emphasize that the focus remains on honoring those who gave everything for their country. Attendees are also encouraged to wear patriotic colors or bring small flags if they wish to participate more fully in the tribute.

Memorial Day in the United States is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May, dedicated to honoring military personnel who have died in service to their country. Even in



tropical destinations like Aruba, where many Americans choose to vacation or reside, the significance of the day is not forgotten.

For many, the ceremony at Costa Linda has become a cherished part of their Memorial Day tradition, offering a moment of connection and gratitude amidst the relaxation of island life.

Join us today, May 26, at 10:00 am on Costa Linda's beach as we come together in remembrance and respect. Let us never forget the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could live in freedom. □



Aruba to me

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For today we received a lovely message from Carmela and Joseph Villari

They wrote to us saying: "Aruba is our sanctuary for the last 21 years. What better way to spend our birthdays On this fabulous island."

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □

Aruba's neighborhoods; the meaning behind their names

Just like any other country, Aruba has unique and beautifully named neighborhoods that all form a part of its culture and development. Many of these names have a historical background and meaning that teaches us about the island and its rich culture every day.

With this series, we want to take you on a journey of discovery, where you'll learn not only the beautiful names but the history behind it that gives it life and meaning.

Ayo

Ajo, or Ayo, is a word with Arawak-Indian origin. A (or Ha) is an Indo-Antillean generalizing word. If you were to change a part of the word "Ayo", namely 'Yo', to 'Yu' and make 'Ayu', it would mean "white."

However, as we now know, the name of the neighborhood is 'Ayo'. The word 'Yo' stands for Yocahu, which is another word for 'creator' in Arawak/Taino and in the



Papiamentu spoken today, 'Ayo' means 'bye'.

At Ayo, you can find some of the most well known rock formations. These formations became a well loved and visited attraction at Aruba that is held in high regards by both tourists and locals alike.

If you'd like to know more about the rock formations at Ayo, stay tuned for our article



where we tell you all about its location and history.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; A.

Alto Vista

This word combination can be roughly translated to a 'high point of view' and the neighborhood received this name from the Hill.

In the surrounding areas, Domingo Antonia Silvestre built his by his own means the very first chapel or church of Aruba. The walls of this church were made with rocks but the roof was made of dry corn stalks. The church was inaugurated by father Pablo Algemesi

If you'd like to know more about the Alto Vista Church's beautiful history, stay tuned for our article where we tell you all you need to know about it for when you visit it.

This neighborhood's abbreviation is; AV.

Birds of Aruba

ORANJESTAD — On May 11th, 2010, the Aruba Birdlife Conservation was founded with the aim of protecting the biodiversity in general and birds in and around Aruba in particular.

Among other things, the foundation will focus on increasing the survival chances of species of wild birds by promoting their preservation and conservation. The foundation publishes the most beautiful pictures of local birds on their so-

cial media that show us the beauty of Aruba's birds and nature in general. Aruba Today gives you a little peek with the following pictures and descriptions from the foundation's Facebook page.

The Great Egret

Serenity in Aruba's National Park, a Great Egret flying in peace. When it is peaceful and quite, beautiful things start happening in nature.

Canadian in the house

The breeding season is over and it's getting pretty cold in North America. Shore birds have started moving southwards as early as July. This wetland beauty wants to keep its toes warm. Our Canadian friends know exactly where they can do so best. A Greater Yellowlegs rediscovering Aruba's Bubali Wetlands.

Cabochon

In its living form of so much more value than any gemstone. Aruba's smallest and most master of flight. A top pollinator. A hovering Blenchi



inspecting the human who just entered his territory.

English: Blue-tailed Emerald (male)
Dutch: Blauwstaartsmaragdkolibrie (mannelijke).

Aruba's to enjoy. Aruba's to protect. ☐



Fruit Loose & Veggie Boost: Aruban fruits and vegetables

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mangoes hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Mispel

This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year-round.

Kenepa



Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif



There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of

fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

Shimarucu



Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimarucu. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarucus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

Tamarind



A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March.

When it comes to veggies the island certainly offers a home-grown selection. They taste delicious and have their specific talents to boost your immune system. Start the day with a 'batida' (smoothie) enriched with a local veggie touch or select your restaurant that offers local vegetable dishes to get the real pure taste of it.

Comcomber chiquito

This is a sort of local squash, but looks like a cucumber with prickly skin. The taste however is bitterer than the cucumber and the vegetable is smaller in size but bigger in width. Inside is a soft, fleshy pulp and seeds, just like the cucumber. Comcomber chiquito is grown in the island and used in salads and 'stoba' (stew) or on its own in vinegar. The veggie contains multiple B vitamins, including vitamin B1, vitamin B5, and vitamin B7 (biotin). B vitamins are known to help ease feelings of anxiety and buffer some of the damaging effects of stress. Additionally this veggie is rich in two of the most basic elements needed for healthy digestion: water and fiber. Season: year-round.

Yambo

Family of Okra, also known as 'lady's fingers': a green flowering plant. Okra belongs to the same plant family as hibiscus and cotton. A classic favorite dish in Aruba is Sopi di yambo. It has long been favored as a food for the health-conscious. It contains potassium, vitamin B, vitamin C, folic acid, and calcium. It's low in calories and has a high dietary fiber content. Recently, a new benefit of including okra in your diet is being considered. Okra has been suggested to help manage blood sugar in cases of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. Season: year-round.

Bonch'i Cunucu

A long, small bean, boiled for a side dish or snack. Long beans have a chewy, crunchy texture—more so than snap beans—and a flavor reminiscent of the dry navy bean or asparagus. Besides stir-fry, soups and salads, the long bean is a good choice for stewing, braising (to remain chewy and firm), sautéing, shallow frying, and deep frying. With cooking, the long bean's bean flavor intensifies. Long beans are low in calories, about 45 calories per cup, and rich in vitamin A and also contain vitamin C and potassium. Season: year-round.

Pampuna



In the endless summer of Caribbean living we only have to concern ourselves with a wet season and a dry season. Still we do indulge heavily in the pleasures of pumpkin and enjoy Caribbean pumpkin recipes year round. A popular dish in Aruban restaurants is Sopa Di Pampuna, don't miss it. This dish is made of pumpkin soup, and parsley. Pumpkins are rich in flavonoid polyphenolic antioxidants such as xanthin, lutein and carotenes and also contain vitamins. Pumpkin seeds are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals and proteins. Pumpkins are used to make desserts, breads and soups. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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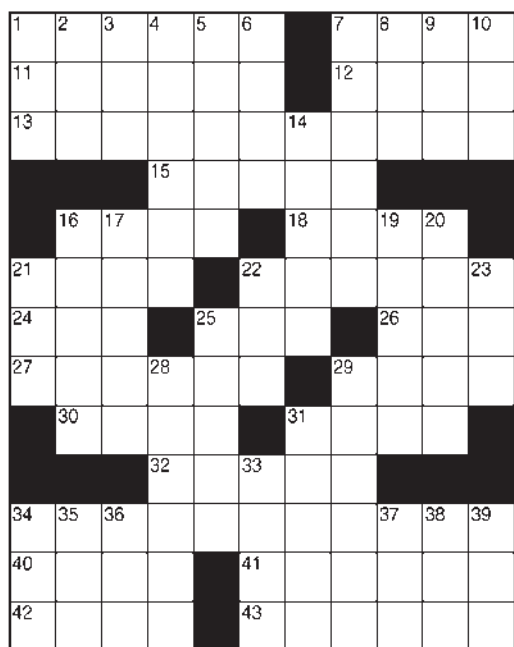
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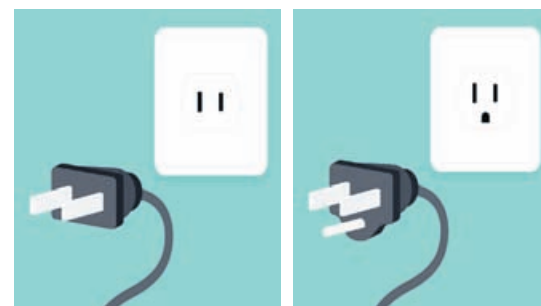
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Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basicbut important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.

Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Supermarket hours

Supermarket hours may vary depending on where you are staying on the island. Generally though, most supermarkets are open from 8am to 9 or 10pm, Monday through Saturday. On Sundays, supermarkets generally close earlier; mostly around 2pm.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occurs, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.



A Planned Parenthood affiliate plans to close 4 clinics in Iowa and another 4 in Minnesota



By **JOHN HANNA**
Associated Press

(AP)—E Four of the six Planned Parenthood clinics in Iowa and four in Minnesota will shut down in a year, the Midwestern affiliate operating them said Friday, blaming a freeze in federal funds, budget cuts proposed in Congress and state restrictions on abortion.

The clinics closing in Iowa include the only Planned Parenthood facility in the state that provides abortion procedures, in Ames, home to Iowa State University. Services will be shifted and the organization will still offer medication abortions in Des Moines and medication and medical abortion services in Iowa City.

Two of the clinics being shut down by Planned Parenthood North Central States are in the Minneapolis area, in Apple Valley and Richfield. The others are in central Minnesota in Alexandria and Bemidji. Of the four, the Richfield clinic provides abortion procedures.

The Planned Parenthood affiliate said it would lay off 66 employees and ask 37 additional employees to move to different clinics. The organization also said it plans to keep investing in telemedicine services and sees 20,000 patients a year virtually. The affiliate serves five states — Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota

and South Dakota.

"We have been fighting to hold together an unsustainable infrastructure as the landscape shifts around us and an onslaught of attacks continues," Ruth Richardson, the affiliate's president and CEO, said in a statement. Of the remaining 15 clinics operated by Planned Parenthood North Central States, six will provide abortion procedures — five of them in Minnesota, including three in the Minneapolis area. The other clinic is in Omaha, Nebraska.

The affiliate said that in April, President Donald Trump's administration froze \$2.8 million in federal funds for Minne-

sota to provide birth control and other services, such as cervical cancer screenings and testing for sexually transmitted diseases.

While federal funds can't be used for most abortions, abortion opponents have long argued that Planned Parenthood affiliates should not receive any taxpayer dollars, saying the money still indirectly underwrites abortion services.

Planned Parenthood North Central States also cited proposed cuts in Medicaid, which provides health coverage for low-income Americans, as well as a Trump administration proposal to eliminate funding for teen-

age pregnancy prevention programs.

In addition, Republican-led Iowa last year banned most abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant, causing the number performed there to drop 60% in the first six months the law was in effect and dramatically increasing the number of patients traveling to Minnesota and Nebraska. After the closings, Planned Parenthood North Central States will operate 10 brick-and-mortar clinics in Minnesota, two in Iowa, two in Nebraska, and one in South Dakota. It operates none in North Dakota, though its Moorhead, Minnesota, clinic is across the Red River from Fargo, North Dakota. □

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ARUBA TODAY NEWS

Indianapolis 500 kicks off with sold-out grandstands and thunderous chants

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A swarm of people poured through the gates at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Some were shirtless, some wore American flag overalls, others checkered flag mini-skirts.

As they entered the main tunnel nearly five hours before the Indianapolis 500, a large group began a thunderous "Let's Go Pacers!" chant; The Indiana Pacers host Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals against the New York Knicks a few hours after the 109th running of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

The grandstands are sold out for the first time since 2016 and IndyCar expects 350,000 people will be on IMS property for Sunday's race. One tunnel at the speedway had to be closed to motorized vehicles four hours before the race to handle the pedestrian volume. Pato O'Ward, a two-time Indy 500 runner-up, and two-time reigning In-



Josef Newgarden watches from the pit area before the start practice for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Friday, May 23, 2025.

Associated Press

dyCar champion Alex Palou are the co-favorites, listed at +500 by BetMGM. O'Ward starts third and would be the first Mexican winner; Palou, winner of four of the first five races this season, would be the first Spanish winner should he earn his

first career victory on an oval track.

Robert Schwartzman, a dual national of Israel and Russia, will be the first rookie to lead the field to green since 1983 in the Indianapolis 500 debut for Prema Racing. The Italian team is dominant in

Europe but new this season to IndyCar, and Schwartzman has never raced on an oval. The 25-year-old drives under the Israel flag and is the first Israeli in the field.

All eyes will be on Team Penske drivers Josef Newgarden and Will Power, who will

start 32nd and 33rd following inspection failures that dropped them to the back of the field. Newgarden is the two-time defending race winner and trying to become the first in history to win three-straight Indy 500s. No driver has ever won from starting on the last row. Rivals have already declared the Penskes the fastest cars in the field and have said they look forward to watching them pick their way through traffic.

Kyle Larson will draw attention from the NASCAR crowd as he attempts for the second consecutive year to complete 1,100 miles of racing in one day. His bid at completing "the double" failed last year because a rain delay in Indianapolis made him miss the Coca-Cola 600 in North Carolina. Larson and Hendrick Motorsports have promised NASCAR that Larson will be at Charlotte Motor Speedway for the start of the Cup Series race. He's starting second in Charlotte and 19th in the Indy 500. □

Juan Soto comes up with big hit for Mets after week of debate over his move across New York



New York Mets' Juan Soto reacts after the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers Saturday, May 24, 2025, in New York.

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After a week of taking hits, Juan Soto came up with a big one. In a slump that sparked debate over whether he made the right decision to leave the Yankees for a record \$765 million contract across town, Soto hit a tiebreaking,

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two-run double with the bases loaded that led the Mets over the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2 on Saturday night.

"I don't listen to any of that. I focus on what we're doing here," Soto said.

Soto had been hitting .119 (5 for 42) with runners in scoring position, 164th among 167 qualified batters, before he

drove a 2-2 pitch from Tony Gonsolin high off the right-center field wall for a 4-2 fourth-inning lead.

"I don't think he's swinging great right now and found a way to get a couple knocks tonight," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "You can see him bearing down a little bit more when guys are on base."

Soto's 399-foot drive left his bat at 108.3 mph and missed being a grand slam by about 2 feet.

"When I hit it, I was like, just don't catch it. I wasn't thinking it was going that far," Soto said. "When it hit the wall, it actually shocked me. I was like, I didn't know the ball was going that far."

He had one hit in his previous 24 at-bats with runners in scoring position and entered 5 for 40 with no extra-base hits and two RBIs in his last 11 games. He went 1 for 10 with four walks during his first

series back in the Bronx as the Mets lost two of three last weekend. And Soto's lack of hustle on a drive off the Green Monster at Boston's Fenway Park on Monday intensified debate over his slow start and the absence of the Soto Shuffle in the batter's box.

A night after the Mets lost the series opener 7-5 in 13 innings, they fell behind 2-0. Brett Baty had a run-scoring single in the second as part of a three-hit, two-RBI night. Luis Torrens singled to open the fourth. Gonsolin loaded the bases with four-pitch walks to Baty and Francisco Lindor, and Starling Marte hit a run-scoring infield single. Soto took a close 1-2 slider on the inside corner before the big hit.

"I thought I executed the slider really well there. He's got a really good eye, barely missed, but I was pleased with the execution of it,"

Gonsolin said. "The splitter, I thought it was a solid one, just elevated it."

Soto went 2 for 5 against the Dodgers, raising his average from .236 to .241 with eight homers, 23 RBIs and a .792 OPS. "I don't know what the underlying numbers are saying, but this guy's been very unlucky," Mets manager Carlos Mendoza said. "It was good to see him finally get the results"

Fans responded to the double with a huge ovation.

"He works his butt off," Mets starter David Peterson said. "I think for him to be able to get that today should only give him confidence and I think every guy on this team believes in who he is as a player." Marte was thrown out at the plate trying to score from first on Soto's hit when shortstop Mookie Betts made a quick relay to catcher Dalton Rushing of center fielder Tommy Edman's throw. □

French Open 2025: Rafael Nadal gets a farewell ceremony at a tournament he won a record 14 times

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PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal's first French Open match in the tournament's main stadium came on May 25, 2005 — a straight-set victory in the second round against Xavier Malisse. That made Nadal's career record in the tournament 2-0, and he was just getting started on the way to what would end up as a 112-4 mark and 14 championships at Paris.

On Sunday, 20 years to the day after that win, Nadal was scheduled to be back at Court Philippe-Chatrier, only instead of competing, he was going to be feted by the French tennis federation for all that he accomplished on the red clay.

"Celebrating the King," was the way the event was described on social media by the official Roland-Garros feed. There was no exact time for the start of the ceremony, only word that it would begin after the three day-session matches in Chatrier would finish — so perhaps somewhere around 5 or 6 p.m. local time (11 a.m. or noon ET).

There were plenty of active players on the program for Day 1 of the year's second Grand Slam tennis tournament, of course, from No. 1-ranked Aryna Sabalenka to two-time major runnerup Jasmine Paolini, from U.S. Open semifinalist Ben Shelton to Paris Olympics medalists Zheng Qinwen and Lorenzo Musetti.

None, though, was likely to draw as much attention and adulation as the 38-year-old former player with 22 total Grand Slam titles and known to all as "Rafa," who played his final competitive match in the Davis Cup in November. Some folks did not think the tribute to him after a loss in his last appearance there lived up to what it should have been, and event director Feliciano Lopez had to defend it.

Other tournaments put off holding celebrations for Nadal this season, including Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Rome.

It just seemed fitting to all that the next big show

should come at the site of so many of those lefty uppercut forehands, so many sprints to reach seemingly unreachable shots by opponents, so many triumphs.

This is the way Nadal described the fans in Paris: "They give me the love and the support every single second I have been on court."

They were expected to pack the house on Sunday and it sounded as if some players planned to take in the scene, too, although at least one, four-time French Open champion Iga Swiatek, was going to need to make sure it wouldn't interrupt her preparation for competition.

"I need to be aware that, for sure, I'm going to cry," Swiatek said. "I would love to be there, because we should all kind of get together and celebrate Rafa and what he did for our sport and what kind of inspiration he was and still is." Stefanos Tsitsipas — twice a Slam finalist, including at the 2021 French



Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the trophy after winning the final match against Norway's Casper Ruud in three sets, 6-3, 6-3, 6-0, at the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, June 5, 2022.

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Open — joked that Nadal won the trophy 29 times in Paris.

"It will be tough," Tsitsipas said, "to see him go away." □



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